

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention:

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FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: "Salt of the Earth"
"South Africa Uncensored"

1. This agency is interested in procuring two motion pictures controlled by Communist groups, titles as above, in either 16mm or 35mm width. Up to \$500 is available to reimburse any expense of such procurement. Your attention is invited to previous correspondence on the former film, captioned "Independent Productions Corporation, Internal Security - C, Registration Act", your file number 100-399257.

2. "Salt of the Earth" was sponsored by the International union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers and was advertised to be shown at the 86th Street Grande Theater, 160 East 86th Street, New York, New York; telephone Atwater 9-7720. An advertising leaflet suggests "For information about theater parties for your union, church, social club, etc., call Plaza 7-7643". It is a full-length feature film highlighting labor conflicts and the problem of minorities. It was produced late in 1952 or early in 1953.

3. "South Africa Uncensored" is distributed by the Council on African Affairs, Inc., which has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The film is 22 minutes in length, and was produced about 1953.

4. It is requested that the FBI, if possible, either:

a. Procure for this Agency a retention copy of each film; or

b. Supply this Agency with a duplicate (copy) negative of each film; or

c. Procure a print of each film which we may have in our possession for at least 48 hours.

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